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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	9
NO:	0

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill 340, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

1 Page 6, after line 15, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 11. IC 33-24-6-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 4. (a) The division of
4 state court administration shall establish and administer an office of
5 guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate services. The
6 division shall use money it receives from the state general fund to
7 administer the office. If funds for **volunteer** guardian ad litem and court
8 appointed special advocate programs are appropriated by the general
9 assembly, the division shall provide matching funds to counties that ~~are~~
10 **required to** implement and administer, in courts with juvenile
11 jurisdiction, a **volunteer** guardian ad litem ~~and~~ **or** court appointed
12 special advocate program for children who are alleged to be victims of
13 child abuse or neglect under IC 31-33. Matching funds must be
14 distributed in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of this
15 chapter. A county may use these matching funds to supplement

amounts that are collected as fees under IC 31-40-3-1 and used for the operation of **volunteer** guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate programs. The division may use its administrative fund to provide training services and communication services for local officials and local guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate programs. The county fiscal body shall appropriate adequate funds for the county to be eligible for matching funds under this section.

(b) Matching funds provided to a county under this section shall be used for **volunteer** guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate programs and may be deposited in the county's guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate fund described in IC 31-40-3.

(c) Any matching funds appropriated to the division of state court administration that are not used before July 1 of each fiscal year do not revert but shall be redistributed under this section on July 1. The division shall redistribute the funds among counties providing **volunteer** guardian ad litem and court appointed special advocate programs that are entitled to receive matching funds.

(d) Money appropriated to the division of state court administration does not revert at the end of a state fiscal year to the state general fund.

(e) Only volunteer guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate programs certified by the supreme court are eligible for funding under this section.

SECTION 12. IC 33-24-6-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 5. (a) If appropriated by the general assembly, the division of state court administration shall grant to each county with a **volunteer** guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate program an annual appropriation calculated under the following formula:

STEP ONE: Deduct the annual appropriation to the division of state court administration for administrative expenses.

STEP TWO: Ascertain the number of children in need of services in each county, as determined by the office of family and children, during the preceding state fiscal year.

STEP THREE: Divide the result under STEP TWO by the total number of children in need of services in Indiana, as determined by the office of family and children, during the preceding fiscal year.

STEP FOUR: Multiply the result under STEP THREE by the

1 remaining state match appropriation.

2 (b) If, under subsection (a), a county's grant would result in a grant
3 of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or less, the county is entitled to
4 receive a grant of two thousand dollars (\$2,000). After subtracting the
5 state match appropriation distributed to these counties from the total
6 remaining state appropriation, the division of state court administration
7 shall distribute the remaining state appropriation under the following
8 formula:

9 STEP ONE: Subtract the total number of children in need of
10 services in the counties covered under subsection (a) from the
11 total number of children in need of services in Indiana as
12 determined by the office of family and children during the
13 preceding state fiscal year.

14 STEP TWO: Divide the number of children in need of services in
15 each of the counties not covered under subsection (a) by the result
16 under STEP ONE.

17 STEP THREE: Multiply the result under STEP TWO by the total
18 remaining state match appropriation.

19 STEP FOUR: Distribute the result under STEP THREE to each
20 county not covered under subsection (a)."

(Reference is to SB 340 as reprinted February 1, 2005.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

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